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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 0692

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UR

SUBJECT: KULAKOV IN THIRD ROW

1. WE HAVE NOW READ VICTOR ZORZA ARTICLE ON  
SOVIET POLITICAL SUCCESSION PUBLISHED IN IHT ON  
JANUARY 13. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON OTHER SUBSTANCE  
OF THIS ARTICLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO STATE  
THAT LENGTHY ANALYSIS SPUN OUT ON BASIS KULAKOV'S  
PLACEMENT IN DECEMBER 19 PRAVDA PHOTOGRAPH IS ALMOST  
CERTAINLY MISLEADING. UK EMBOFF PRESENT AT SESSION  
NOTED KULAKOV'S DEPARTURE WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER SESSION  
OPENING. CLEARLY, KULAKOV SAT IN REAR CORNER CHAIR TO  
AVOID CONSPICUOUS ON-CAMERA EXIT, AND HIS PLACEMENT HAD  
NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS RELATIVE RANKING IN THE POLITBURO.

2. EMBASSY STANDS READY TO ADD ITS COMMENTS ON SUCH  
ITEMS TO WASHINGTON ANALYSTS UPON RECEIPT OF QUERIES.  
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